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TAGS ELAB ILO PLO PFOR AORG ICFTU

SUBJ ILO WORKER CHAIRMAN VIEWS PLO ISSUE

1. PRES. JOE MORRIS PEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF  
WORKER GROUP IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION TOLD LABATT  
THAT HE FEARS THAT WESTERN NATIONS LACK THE VOTES TO POSTPONE  
PLO OBSERVER STATUS FROM FEBRUARY TO MAY MEETING OF ILO  
GOVERNING BODY. HIS REASONING CLOSELY PARALLELED THAT OF  
ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY KERSTEN AS REPORTED IN BRUSSELS 0822.

2. ONLY SLIM HOPE FOR POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE IF MAJORITY OF  
GOVERNMENT MEMBERS ON GB COULD PERSUADE ILO DG BLANCHARD NOT  
TO LET PLO ISSUE COME TO A VOTE. MORRIS SEES  
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EMPLOYER AND WORKER GROUP VOTES CANCELLING EACH OTHER

OUT.

3. MORRIS IS CONVINCED THAT OPPOSITION BY WESTERN TRADE UNIONS TO PLO'S OBSERVER STATUS COULD JEOPARDIZE JUNE ELECTION CHANCES OF ICFTU AFFILIATES, ENDANGER HISTADRUT'S RE-ELECTION AS ALTERNATE MEMBER ON WORKING GROUP AND PUT IRVING BROWN'S ELECTION AS NEW U.S. WORKER DELGATE IN QUESTION. FOR THESE REASONS, MORRIS PREFERS AVOIDING CONFRONTATION OVER PLO ISSUE TO INSURE FAVORABLE ELECTION OUTCOME AT JUNE ILO CONFERENCE WHICH HE CONSIDERS OF FAR MORE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE. HE HAD MENTIONED THESE CONSIDERATIONS TO IRVING BROWN IN GENEVA, PRESUMABLY AT LAST GB MEETING.  
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